

Torrance, California
October 16, 1953

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Friday, October 16, 1953, at 5:03 p.m., Mayor Schwab presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale and Schwab. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Spelman. Also present were City Manager Stevens, City Attorney Hall and City Treasurer Leech.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with the regular order of business. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

City Manager Stevens recommended that the bid of the Torrance National Bank for furnishing warrants, in the amount of \$200,000.00, be accepted, for the reason that they submitted the only firm bid and time is of the essence in this matter, therefore, that the bid be awarded to them and all other bids be rejected. Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens in awarding the bid to the Torrance National Bank. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

City Manager Stevens said that, at the suggestion of Mayor Schwab, he had prepared agreements with the Dominguez Water Company, but did not know whether or not the Council desired to act upon the matter at this time.

Councilman Blount said he had specifically asked that this matter be acted upon at a Regular Meeting and would appreciate the Council doing so. Mayor Schwab said he felt that these gentlemen are entitled to an answer; that if he were in their position he would feel likewise. A short discussion was held, and it was decided to take action on this matter at a Regular Meeting.


City Manager Stevens said he believed Councilman Spelman had asked Fire Chief Benner to come before the Council on a matter, and Chief Benner presented a communication he had received from the Mack Motor Truck Corporation. City Clerk Bartlett read the communication, which offered an extension on the October 15th deadline of trading in the American La France Quadruple Combination Engine for a new aerial fire engine, up to and including October 30, 1953, at an allowance of \$3,000.00. A short discussion was held and it was decided that the City is not financially able to make such a purchase at this time, but Mayor Schwab told Chief Benner the matter would probably be discussed at the next Agenda Meeting.

Attorney Armstrong stated that he realized the Council and City Treasurer would be out of town next week and, if the money is needed Monday, the Warrant should be executed tonight. City Attorney Hall advised that the document would be executed tonight.

At 5:12 p.m. Councilman Benstead moved the meeting adjourn. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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